Hear the Inſtruction of thy FATHER, and forget not the Law of thy MOTHER.

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Father. COME, my Dear, come to me, and learn to be good and wiſe; for to be good, is the Way to be happy, and Wiſdom, Solomon ſays, is above Rubies.

Child. But pray what muſt I do to be good and wiſe?

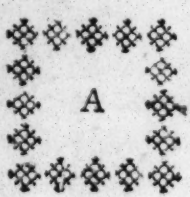
Father. You muſt attend with Care to the Leſſons I ſhall give you, and keep them in your Mind, that neither

your Time or mine may be thrown away; and that I may judge of your Attention, repeat me the Song I taught you laſt Week, againſt keeping bad Company.

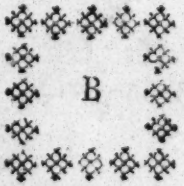
SONG.

Let me not join with thoſe in Play,
Who Fibs and Stories tell;
I with my Book will ſpend the Day,
And not with ſuch Boys dwell.
For one rude Boy will ſpoil a Score,
As I have oft been told;
And one bad Sheep, in Time, is ſure
To injure all the Fold. *Fa-*

Father. And now pray let me hear if you can ſpell the following eaſy Leſſons.



All, aſs, ant, ape, ab-bot, ab-bey, ab-ſent, ac-cent, ac-ceſs.

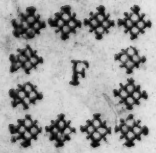


Bab, bob, bud, bird, ba-con, bab-bler, ban-ter, bal-ſam, bar-ber.

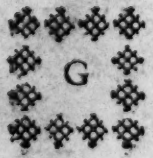
Cat, cog, child, cold, cock, can-dle, can-non, cap-tain, cher-ry.

Dad, dog, dim, dull, dai-ry, de-cent, di-al, doc-tor, du-ty.

Ear, eye, ell, end, ea-gle, el-der, en-vy, e-ven, e-vil, e-ver.

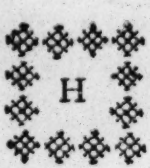


Fan, fog, fun, fit, fa-ble, fa-ther, fel-low, fin-ger.

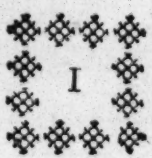


Gad, God, gap, gar-den, gra-vel, gid-dy, glo-ry, go-vern.

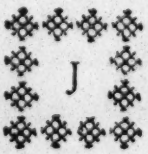
Hag,



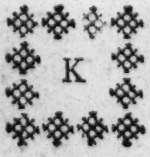
Hag, hog, him, her, handle, happy, hea-ven, ho-ly, hor-ror, hun-ger.



Inn, inch, ill, i-dle, in-fant, i ron, if-fue, i-ſland, i-mage, i-dol, in-cenſe.

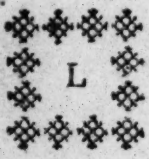


Jag, jog, job, jug, judge, jew-el, jol-ly, jug-gle, judgment.

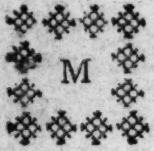


Knife, keep, king, kind, keep-er, ken-nel, ket-tle, kid-ney.

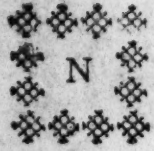
Land,



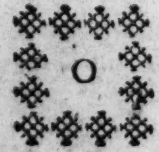
Land, lamb, lack, leſs, lit-tle, luſ-ty, la-dle, la-dy, li-on, loy-al.



Man, mouſe, mite, mile, ma-ny, man-ner, maſ-ter, mil-ler, mo-ther.



Nag, nine, noon, nun, na-vy, ne-ver, no-ble, no-tice, num-ber.

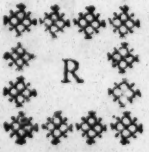


One, ox, owl, o-ven, o-ver, or-der, o-range, on-ly.

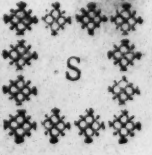
Pad,

Pad, pan, pin, pane, painful, pa-per, par.don, parents, par-lour.

Quick, quack, quite, quaker, quar-ter, qui-et, qui-ver.

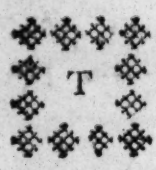


Rag, rug, ram, rib, rab-ble, rat-tle, ra-ven, rich-es.



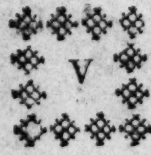
Sam, ſob, ſum, ſun, ſad-dle, ſal-ly, ſhil-ling, ſi-lence, ſiſter.

Tag,



Tag, tug, tap, tim, ta-ble, tal-low, ti-tle, tow-er, tu-tor.

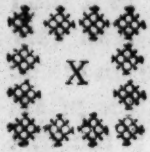
Up, us, urn, uſe, un-cle, un-der, ut-ter, ur-chin, up-roar.



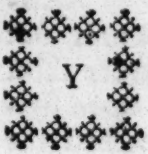
Vain, vale, van, vaſe, ve-ry, va-niſh, va-lue, ver-min, vir-gin.

Wag, wig, wit, when, won der, wo-man, wor-thy, win ter, wiſ-dom.

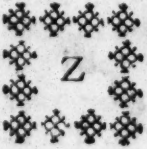
When



When pla-ced as a fi-gure, fig-ni-fies the num-ber ten.

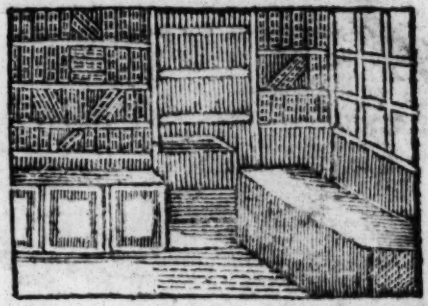


You, yard, yarn, year, yel-low, yon-der, youth-ful, yield-ing.



Zeal, zeſt, zone, zea-lot, Za-ny.

Father. Now, my Dear, as I find you have learned to ſpell and read eaſy Words, let me adviſe you to purchaſe the Ladder to Learning, which is printed in three Parts, or Steps; the firſt Part is a Collection of pretty Fables, conſiſting of Words of only one Syllable; the ſecond Part, of Words not exceeding two Syllables; and the third Part of few Words more than three Syllables. When you have reached the third Step, Attention and Application will ſoon enable you to read with Pleaſure to yourſelf, and Satisfaction to your Friends, all the little Books publiſhed for good Maſters and Miſſes by your old Friend at the Corner of St. Paul's Church Yard; a View of whoſe Shop I here give you.



By an attentive Peruſal of thoſe little Publications, you will attain the Eſteem of all who know you; you will learn to be dutiful to your Papa and Mama, obedient to your Superiors, loving and kind to your Equals and Inferiors; and, above all, you will learn to fear God, and to call upon him often, that you may, through his Grace, become wiſe and happy.

I ſhall add a few little Songs and Stories, to be read at your leiſure Hours, and take my Leave of you for the preſent.

A Morn-

A Morning Song, consisting of Words of only One Syllable.

I.

My God, who makes the Sun to know
His Time and Hour to rise;
And that on all his Light may flow,
Dost send him round the Skies.

When

II.

When from the East his Course he bends,
Nought but his Race he minds;
He no where tires, nor stops to rest,
But round the World he shines.

III.

So like the Sun, I fain would fill
My Share of Work each Day;
With his bright Beams rise forth, and still
With Speed march on my Way.

IV.

Give me, while young, O Lord, thy Grace,
Nor let me wear the Stain;
That the young Morn of all my Days,
Hath all been spent in vain.

An Evening Song.

I.

Lo! now this Day is paſt and gone,
My God, I'll ſing thy Praiſe;
Each Hour my Joys and Hopes make known,
Thy Care, thy Truth, and Grace.

But

II.

But how my Youth has run to Waſte,
My Sins how great their Sum;
Lord, give me Grace to wail the paſt,
And Strength for Days to come.

III.

This Night I lay me down to ſleep,
From Harm O guard my Head;
And through each Hour look down and keep
Thy Watch all round my Bed.

IV.

In Peace and Joy I cloſe my Eyes,
Thy Guard thou wilt not move;
So in the Morn I ſafe ſhall riſe
To praiſe thy Truth and Love.

The Father's Advice.

When you are well, riſe ſoon each Day,
Firſt praiſe the Lord, and to him pray;
Waſh clean your Hands and Face with Care,
Then bruſh your Cloaths, and comb your Hair:
And hie to School, thus clean and neat.
But as you go, if you ſhould meet
Bad Boys at Play, waſte not your Time,
For this the Wiſe will deem a Crime.

The Story of the Good Boys and Girls; from the Works of the late Mr. Richardſon.

There were two little Boys and Girls, the Children of a fine Gentleman and Lady, who loved them dearly. They were all ſo good, and loved one another ſo well, that every Body who ſaw them, talked of them with Admiration, far and near. They would part with any

Thing to each other, loved the Poor, ſpoke kindly to the Servants, did every Thing they were bid to do, were not proud, knew no Strife, but who ſhould learn their Books beſt, and be the prettieſt Scholar. The Servants loved them, and would do any Thing they deſired. They were not proud of fine Cloaths; their Heads never ran on their Play-things, when they ſhould mind their Books; ſaid Grace before they eat, and Prayers before going to Bed, and as ſoon as they roſe; were always clean and neat; and would not tell a Fib for the World, and above doing any Thing that required one. God bleſſed them more and more; and their Papa, Mama, Uncles, Aunts, and Couſins, for their Sakes: they were a happy Family; no one idle; all pretily employed; the little Maſters at their Book, and Miſſes the ſame, or their Needles: at their Play-hours were never noiſy, miſchievous, or quarrelſome. No ſuch Word was ever heard from

their Mouths, as, why may'nt I have this or that, as well as Billy or Bobby. —Or, why ſhould Sally have this or that, any more than I; but it was as Mama pleaſes; ſhe knows beſt; with a Bow and Smile; without Surlineſs to be ſeen on their Brow, if they were denied any Thing; for well they knew their Papa and Mama loved them dearly; they would refuſe them nothing for their good, and were always refuſed when they aſked any Thing to their Hurt. Never were ſuch good Boys and Girls as theſe.

The

They grew up; the Maſters became fine Scholars, and fine Gentlemen, and were honoured: the Miſſes fine Ladies, and fine Houſewives.

This Gentleman, when grown to be a Man, ſought to marry one of the Miſſes; and that Gentleman the other; and happy was he that could be admitted into their Companies: They had nothing to do, but pick and chuſe the beſt Gentlemen in the County; while the greateſt Ladies for Birth, and moſt remarkable for

for Virtue (which, young Gentlemen and Ladies, are better than Birth or Fortune) thought themſelves honoured by the Addreſſes of the two Brothers. They married, and made good Papa's and Mama's; and were ſo many Bleſſings to the Age in which they lived. Theſe were happy Sons and Daughters; for good Maſters ſeldom fail to make good Gentlemen; and good Miſſes good Ladies; and God bleſſes them with as good Children as they were to their Parents; and ſo the Bleſſing goes round. Who would not be good!

The Story of Three NAUGHTY Boys and GIRLS; from the ſame Author.

THERE was a poor Widow Woman who had three naughty Sons and one Daughter; they would do nothing that their Mama bid them do; were always quarrelling, ſcratching, and fighting: would never ſay their Prayers, nor learn their Book. The little Boys laughed and pointed at them,

as they went along, for blockheads: Nobody loved them, or took notice of them, but to beat and thump them about for their naughty Ways, and undutifulneſs to their poor Mother, who worked hard for their Maintenance. As they grew up, they grew worſe and worſe, more ignorant and ſtupid; they impoveriſhed their poor Mother, and at laſt broke her Heart. Poor, poor Widow Woman! Theſe ſad ungracious Children made away with that Little which ſhe had left, while ſhe was ill, before her Heart was quite broken: This helped to break it the ſooner: Had ſhe lived, ſhe ſaw ſhe muſt have wanted Bread, and had no Comfort from ſuch wicked Children; the Neighbours humanely joined together to bury the poor Widow Woman.

But what became of the naughty Boys and Girls, is thus; one Son was forced to go to Sea, and was drowned; another turned Thief, and came to an untimely End; and the Third, idle and ignorant, Nobody would employ him, for the ill Treatment of his Mother, was therefore forced to beg his Bread in a far Country.

The Girl never loved Work, pined away in Sloth and Filthineſs, broke her Arm, died of a Fever, and lamented too late her Undutifulneſs to ſo good a Mother. This is the ſad End of the Four ungracious Children, who never minded what their poor Mother ſaid to them, and God puniſhed their Naughtineſs, as you ſee.——How different the End of theſe naughty Children, to the Good already mentioned; they were the Glory of their Family, and Delight of all who knew them.

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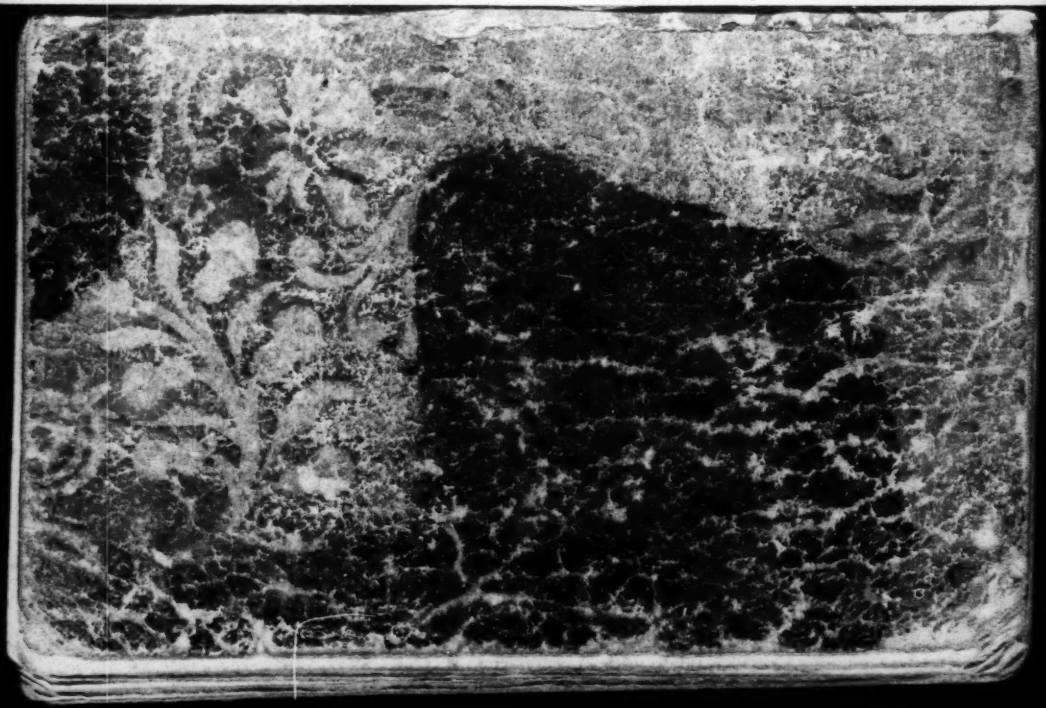
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